

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Application of:  
Thomas D. Willis et al.

Application No.: 10/826,633

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Art Unit: : 1637

For: A Method For Detecting and Amplifying Target  
DNA (as amended)

Examiner: Mark Staples

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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This Reply is responsive to the Office Action, made final, mailed from the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on September 22, 2008. A five month extension of time to file the Brief on Appeal, pursuant to the Notice of Appeal filed on March 20, 2009, is respectfully requested. In lieu of filing a Brief on Appeal, Applicants are filing a Request for Continued Examination concurrently herewith.

A **Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.